
OCEAN STATE WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION, INC.
Board of Director's Meeting

DATE: May 21, 2015 TIME: 5:35 PM

PLACE: Green Valley Country Club
371 Union St.
Portsmouth, RI 02871

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Trudy Dufault	Co-Founder
	Pat Dickson	President
	Jen Moretti	Vice-President
	Luanne Googins	Treasurer
	Liz Duguay	Recording Secretary
	Erin Mernick	Corresponding Secretary
	MaryAnn MacLaughlin	Tournament Co-Chairperson
	Peg Cherenzia	Tournament Co-Chairperson

ABSENT:

COMMITTEE CHAIRS: Chris Trenholme (Handicap Chair)

GUESTS:

CALL TO ORDER: The President welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM.

MINUTES: April's Board meeting minutes which were previously sent out via email were reviewed and Trudy motioned to accept the minutes as presented and seconded by Pat.

VOTED: to approve the April's minutes as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Handed out the monthly financial report for April. 2014 Taxes have been prepared and submitted by the accountant. Still waiting for invoice from accountant for the tax preparation. The Non-Profit Corporation filing is due on June 1st. Other than routine

monthly expenses, there are no other issues regarding the financial report.

A motion was made by Trudy and seconded by Jen to accept the Treasurers Report.

Voted: to accept the Treasurers Report.

CHAIR REPORTS:

HANDICAP REPORT:

Provided a written report. Haven't heard any complaints to date. Appears that using the handicap of the lowest player on a two person team and the two lowest players on a four person team when setting up the divisions for tournaments is working.

TOURNAMENT
CHAIRPERSON:

Provided a written report regarding the following events.
Meadowbrook – The Pro enjoys working with OSWGA
Crestwood – No complaints. Pro and assistants were very helpful in setting up for the tournament
Quidnessett – Mix up with the drop zones and water holes was not the course's fault. The only problem was with not having the correct drop zones for the right holes. The holes for the drop zones were the error of the Tournament Co-chair. Quidnessett staff sent a "Card of Appreciation" about how much they enjoy working with OSWGA.
Acushnet – This is the first time hosting an event here. Members enjoyed playing the course, though the food wasn't great. The Facility is not really set up for providing food service for large outings. Maybe consider scheduling for an afternoon session instead of morning if we decide to forgo serving food. Three signs, for holes 7, 8 & 9 were missing when the signs were collected from Acushnet.

APPEALS:

Nothing to report.

WEBSITE:

No report.

STATISTICIAN:

Elaine will continue to track & manage the USGA points for the tournaments and Pat will track the Player of the Year Points for this year.

NOMINATING
COMMITTEE:

Nothing to report.

RULES COMMITTEE: No report.

SCHOLARSHIP
COMMITTEE: Nothing to report.

A motion was made by Luanne and seconded by Erin to accept all Chairs reports.

Voted: to accept all Chairs reports.

TOURNAMENT
DIRECTOR: Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS: ***Website Training:*** still pursuing candidates to take over the website responsibilities.
Applications/Turn-out- new application format is working well.
Banquet Proposal letters – Reached out and sent proposal requests to 6 different places. So far 2 places have sent in their proposals for menu selections and waiting for one more response. Some of the places are looking for a minimum of 400 people. Most of the places are asking at least \$10 more for beef selections. Most members would like to have a meat/beef entrée selection for the banquet.

NEW BUSINESS: ***Early Website Posting for Board Elections*** – It was suggested to post as early as June the positions whose term will expire this year to allow time for members to consider running and submit their intent to the nominating committee. Also have a flyer announcement at the tournaments.
Website Posting of policy regarding recruitment and Press for Non- OSWGA Events – The president handed out a draft policy providing guidance/protocol on how the Board will allow members to solicit for charitable events or distributing literature on behalf of various causes at tournaments. The policy spells out the criteria to be followed for solicitation and distribution for such events, charities or other activities. It was noted that all such requests must first obtain the approval from the Board before members can solicit or distribute information associated with an outside event or activity. The policy will be posted on the website when finalized. This will only be allowed by members playing in an event and wanting to personally distribute flyers for events they

are supporting as long as it is golf related and does not disrupt the tournament and is allowed by the golf course as well.

New Member Guide Sheet – It was suggested that a letter be drafted for new members that join the association explaining the organization and include such items as how to sign up for a tournament, seeking partners for an event etc.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trudy – New topic – Mentioning that in the Bylaws if OSWGA goes under, than the money remaining go to a charity that could handle the Scholarship Fund. Her suggestion was to send to the RI Foundation.

Pat – 4th Level Prize Allocation – Suggests that the prizes be paid out only for 3 levels and not pay four levels in a division even it is still within a third of the field. If ninety percent of the players are in a particular division than do 1/3 of the prizes, but feels that the 4th net winnings be put back in the general treasury. One comment raised was that having a 4th prize may be going to someone or a team that normally doesn't win. The Board agreed to maintain the 4th level for larger Division turnout.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 6:56 PM. Next meeting is scheduled for June 25th, at 5:30 PM at Laurel Lane Country Club, 309 Laurel Lane, West Kingston, RI

Respectfully Submitted,
Liz Duguay
Recording Secretary

